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Reply to Attn of:

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the 20th Annual Chairman's Dinner on April 10, 2007

On April 10, 2007, the Federal Communications Bar Association's 20th Annual Chairman's Dinner will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC. The reception will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

The reception and dinner will be widely attended by representatives from other Federal agencies, members of Congress and their staffers, Hill Staff, aerospace industry and associations, state and local officials, academia, members of the public, media, and trade associations. Approximately 1400 individuals have been invited to the dinner. The estimated cost of the dinner, which includes all food and beverages, is \$180 per person. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the reception and dinner because it will further Agency programs or operations. The dinner will allow NASA employees the opportunity to discuss space-related communication issues and NASA programs with other attendees. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the organization that invites them may accept an invitation for free attendance to the dinner.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the organization that invites them such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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R. Andrew Falcon